URGENT

HELP SAVE OUR VIDANT
PUNGO HOSPITAL

PUBLIC FORUM

VIDANT CEO WILL BE HERE TO LISTEN
TO OUR CONCERNS!!

PLEASE COME TO SHOW SUPPORT!!
THIS MAY BE OUR ONLY CHANCE TO BE HEARD!! SHOW
YOU CARE!!
LET'S SAVE LIVES!!

LIFE OR DEATH MEETING

Dear Belhaven Shareholders,

I am writing for a very important issue. As many of you already know, we are facing a closure of our hospital. Vidant Health has stated that they are going to close the hospital in the next 4 to 6 months and then build a new urgent care clinic in the Belhaven area to be completed over the next 18 months. It is important to understand what this really means to all of us.

The new clinic Vidant Health plans to build will be little more than an urgent care facility. IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE AMBULANCES NOR HAVE THE MOST IMPORTANT EMERGENCY SERVICES. The devastating result is that ALL rescue calls will have to go to Washington.

For example, right now if you have a heart attack, the emergency room can give you a "clot buster" shot to help save your life. BUT, the new facility will not have this drug. The new facility will not have any blood. Therefore, if you are in an accident and need blood, you won't get any until the ambulance gets you to the Washington hospital. Many will not survive this trip.

This coming Tuesday, September 24 at 7 PM at the John A. Wilkinson Center, there will be a public forum about the hospital. The CEO of Vidant will be present to answer questions about our hospital closing. This may be the most important meeting in the history of our town. I want to plead with you to attend the meeting and bring friends. If Vidant Health sees that we are united in the demand for an emergency room and hospital, we will be ultimately successful.

Please attend this meeting!!!!!

Your friend,

Mayor Adam W. O'Neal

JOHN A. WILKINSON BUILDING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, 7PM BRING A FRIEND